

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2005, Claims 1-15 are pending and subject to restriction. In response to the previous Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, group II comprising Claims 11-12 drawn to a process for making a concrete article were elected. In the present amendment, Claims 2-9 and 11-12 are amended. Claims 2-9 are amended to depend from the elected Claims 11 and 12. Claims 16-18 are added and are supported throughout the specification and at least by original Claims 3 and 13. Claims 1, 10 and 13-15 are withdrawn.

Species Election:

In the Office Action mailed March 21, 2005, an additional election is required to a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claim shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, at least claims 11-12 are generic. Two species elections were required.

1) Election of a single specie or combination for species for thickening agent, such as those found in original Claim 3. Applicants elect polyacrylates from Claim 3.

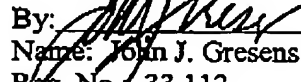
2) Election is also requested to a single specie or single combination of species of hydrophobic additives, such as those found in original Claim 5. Applicants elect waxes from Claim 5.

Pending Claims 2-9, 11-12, and 16-18 are generic regarding the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to request examination of additional species.

Entry, examination, and favorable consideration of the above amendments in consideration of the claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's below-signed attorney with any questions.

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